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Dear Sig:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 12, 2002, Applicant respectfully submits the following amendments and comments in connection with the above-captioned application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

- 1-18. Cancelled
- 19. (Twice Amended) A method for removing insects from and cleaning a plant having leaves, the method comprising:

providing a hand held spraying apparatus having a handle, an elongate body portion, and a nozzle portion at a distal end of the body portion, the nozzle portion adapted to direct water flow outwardly therefrom around the circumference of the nozzle portion;

providing a source of water under pressure;

placing the spraying apparatus into communication with the source of water under pressure;